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Who Are the [illegible]theists?

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After much consultation concerning the needs of the Socialist movement in general and of the Christian Socialist movement in particular and careful estimation of the expenses and probable income of the larger attempt, the managers of this paper have decided to begin the publication of a weekly Christian Socialist in connection with the present monthly edition which will be much improved by the new plan. See page 6 for details.

In a leading article in The American Socialists recently, J. C. Havemeyer, one of the country's millionaires who reaped his fortune out of the cheating that bolstered up the Sugar Trust, repeats in answer to the question "Why do you not believe in Socialism?" the old, old charge that Socialism is atheistic. Because the Socialist party platform does not contain the word "God" it is therefore, he proclaims, infidel.

In meeting this charge it is usually replied that the Constitution of the United States and the Republican and Democratic platforms do not contain the word "God" either, and therefore Socialism is no more infidel and atheistic than they.

But this reply is not enough, and everyone who makes or reads it knows that it is not enough. AGAINST SUCH FALSE RELIGION AS TOO OFTEN GOES BY THE NAME, Socialism is at war. Against the false gods that are commonly worshipped under the name of God, Socialists, and every other honest man as well, are sworn foes.

[illegible] religion prevails among [illegible] who are rejecting the religion professed by their oppressors, and all it stands for. Here is what chairman Frank P. Walsh says in his final report to Congress:

"Among these millions and their leaders we have encountered a spirit religious in its fervor and in its willingness to sacrifice for a cause held sacred. State and national conventions of labor organizations, numbering many thousand of members, have cheered the names of leaders imprisoned. Prison records for labor leaders have become badges of honor in the eyes of many of their people, and great mass meetings throughout the nation, cheer denunciations of courts and court decisions.

And he adds:

"To the support of the militant and aggressive propaganda of organized labor has come wthin recent years a small but rapidly increasing host of ministers of the gospel, college professors, writers, journalists and others of the professional classes, distinguished in many instances by exceptional talent which they devote to agitation, with no hope of material reward, and a devotion that can only be explained in the light of a fervent religious spirit which animates the organized industrial unrest."

Idols Must Be Destroyed

Every time a missionary goes to a heathen land and declares their gods to be false, he is, so far as their gods and their religion are concerned, an atheist. When Abram laughed at the gods of Chaldaea, he was an infidel—to those false gods. When Moses ridiculed the gods of Egypt, he was, so far as those gods were concerned, a heretic, a blasphemer, and an infidel.

Isaiah heaped sarcasm on Bel and Nebo, the gods of Babylon, because they could not hold themselves erect when carried in procession round the city. It must have been painful in the extreme for the reverend churchmen of Babylon to hear this insolent foreigner utter such blasphemies against Bel and Nebo. It must have grated on their finer sensibilities. It must have shocked them deeply, to hear him cry that the Lord, the God of the Jews, was the only true god—a barbarous deity whom they knew not of—and the respectable gods of Babylon were nonentities.

The Psalms cry again and again "As for the gods of the heathen, they are but silver and gold—the work of men's hands." And there never was fiercer [illegible] or more awful blasphemy—from the idolaters point of view—poured out on a people's religion than the verses of Psalm 115:

> "They have mouths, but they speak not, eyes have they but they see not, ears have they but they hear not,
> Noses have they but they smell not, neither speak they through their throat.
> Even so are all they that put their trust in them."

Every prophet was a blasphemer—against false gods. Every proclaimer of the true God recorded in Holy Writ spoke savage words against the worship of the false gods, or the worshippers of idols, that could not but seem to those who worshipped those idols or bowed before those false gods as the utmost blasphemy.

EVEN JESUS BLASPHEMED—It was the charge on which he was convicted and put to death by the high court of his people. "Ye have heard his blasphemy—what further need have we of witnesses?" said the High Priest Caiaphas, and rent his clothes.

Yet History has judged between those two, the accuser and the Accused. Which of the two blasphemed, Caiaphas or Christ?

Idols Made of Words

Not all idols are made of silver and gold, or stone and wood. Idols just as libellous can be made out of words and ideas. A false teaching about the True God can be crystallised into a horrible image that insults God and degrades man.

SUCH AN IDOL IS WORSHIPPED IN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNDER THE DOMINATION OF CAPITALISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY: a blasphemous, leering, horrible image, made of words and ideas and doctrines that outrage divinity and corrupt mankind. This is that Capitalist God, the God of Property and Respectability, the God in whose name the apostles and prophets of the True God are daily wounded, oppressed, imprisoned and slain.

It is against this God and his false [illegible] that Socialists are indeed atheists. The word "a-theist" means "without God." But real Christians and real Socialists alike are "ANTI-THEIST" when it comes to the blasphemous travesty of truth, of honesty, and of righteousness proclaimed from so many pulpits and prayed to in so many pews.

Any God that a Havemeyer would worship, any honest man would utterly abhor. For the millions of the Havemeyer fortune were piled up in complete disregard of justice, mercy and faith; or truth, or honesty, or decency.

Any God that a Rockefeller would worship—any God who would bless and sanctify and accept the offerings coined out of the blood of the suffering poor—must be a hypocrite and a barbarian in order to endure the praise his adorer pours before his throne.

But there is no such God—he would have wrecked the universe long ago as Rockefeller has wrecked America.

Any God that would accept the hymns and the prayers and the elaborate ceremonials of those who come into his courts stained with the blood of the workers and their wives and children—MUST BE DENIED, REPUDIATED. AND REJECTED BY ANY ONE WHO DESIRES TO FIND THE GOD OF CHRIST. But there IS no such God—he is a figment of dishonest minds!

"When ye come into my temple, who hath required this at your hand to tread my courts? WASH YOU—MAKE YOU CLEAN! Cease to do evil, learn to do well! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow"—thus saith the Lord.

And to many of them who come before him on the last day, pleading their long years of service before him, God will say, according to Christ "I never knew you—depart from me, ye workers of iniquity." For he is found of them that seek him not, and is made manifest unto them that asked not after him. But to them that follow him falsely, and take his name in vain, and say "Lord, Lord," but do not the things that he says, the uttermost condemnation is reserved.

God Found by Them Who Seek Not

Mark these words uttered by Paul the Apostle "I am found of them that sought me not, and made manifest to them that asked not after me." The last thing the average Socialist who calls himself an unbeliever thinks is that he is finding the true God. But if anything is certain in the teachings of Jesus, it is that he who does God's will is accepted of God rather than he who calls himself by that name and does not his works. And all through the pages of Holy Writ from beginning to end it is shouted aloud from the mouths of lawgiver, poet, sage, and prophet, that the will of God is to rescue the poor from him that oppresseth him. "Visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction"—this is true religion, says James the Apostle.

Compare with this the recent pompous utterance of William H. Taft—we must not pass widowed-mothers' pension laws because that would be "millennial legislation" and would take from the prosperous and thrifty to help [illegible] such legislation as would be passed if Christ ruled the world. Such legislation is wrong, because Christian, says Taft. And any god such a man worships must of necessity be repudiated by a follower of Christ and the prophets, because he is a libel on divinity.

Religion has been used for generations to stifle and hypnotize the people who have cried out for a fulfilment of the promises of God made to them through his prophets. Luther, in the name of "spiritual religion" bade the princes to stab, burn, slay the rebellious peasants who asked, in the name of Christ, for common justice, on the ground that what they sought were "carnal matters" and that they blasphemed Christ by dragging his name into their requests. No wonder the people, deluded by false prophets, turn against the drug which has held them stifled and stupefied that they might thereby be robbed.

Robbed and Hypnotized

Professor Frederick M. Davenport, in his book "Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals," tells a story of what happened in a negro congregation in Tennessee. It was the purpose to give a donation to the minister. One of the brethren volunteered to make the collection of the offerings from the homes of the members, and an old colored woman, somewhat well-to-do, loaned her cart and a pair of oxen to facilitate the gathering of the donations. After he had been throughout the neighborhood and secured a reasonable load of groceries, provisions and clothing, he drove off to Chattanooga and sold everything, including the cart and the oxen, pocketed the proceeds, and went off to Atlanta on a visit to his relatives.

Indignation reigned supreme in the home community when it was known that he was gone. After some time the culprit drifted back, deeply contrite, but having spent all. Indignation once more arose to a white heat, and it was determined to give him a church trial without waiting for any legal formality.

The day was set, the meeting crowded; the preacher who was to have received the donations presided, and after a statement of the charges, announced that the accused would be given a chance to be heard. He went forward and took the place of the preacher on the platform.

"I ain't got nuffin to say fo' myself," he began in a penitent voice. "I'se a po' mis'able sinner. But, bredren, so is we all mis'able sinners. And de Good Book says we must forgive. How many times, bredren? Till seven times? No, till seventy times seven. And I ain't sinned no seventy times seven, and I'se just goin' to suggest that we turn this into a forgiveness meeting, and everybody in this great company that is willing to forgive me, come up now while we sing one of the dear old hymns, and shake my hand." And he started one of the powerful revival tunes, and they began to come, first those who hadn't given anything to the donation and did not care much about the donation anyhow, then those who hadn't lost much, and then the others. Finally they had all passed before him except one, and she was the old lady who had lost the cart and the oxen. She stuck to her seat. And the sinner said "Dar's one po' mis'able sinner that won't forgive, she won't forgive. Now I suggest that we have a season of prayer and give this po' old sinner one more chance." And after they had prayed over her and sung a hymn, the old lady came up, too!

This is the kind of religion that has been practised on the working-class in the name of Christianity time out of mind. Whenever their indignation rises to a white heat against the exploiting of the poor by the conscienceless methods of merciless greed, there is an epidemic of Billy Sundayism, and the cry is raised "Forgive." No wonder huge sums are cast into the collection plate of evangelists by e powers of prey that are hiring them to —while they prey. Hypnotized by the hymns and the shouting and the murmuring of old catchwords, the robbed go meekly up and shake the hands of the robbers, while tears stream down the faces of them both.

It is true that Christ says "Forgive." But ONLY HIM THAT IS PENITENT IS TO BE FORGIVEN. No thief may be pardoned while still thieving, for that is to share in the theft. And repentance means an actual, real and proven CHANGE OF HEART, demonstrated by restoring the stolen booty, or by making it good. So long as Capitalism retains the stolen goods and keeps on the thieving; SO LONG AS ITS HANDS ARE STILL RED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE SLAIN AND THE CRY OF THE ORPHANS GOES UP TO HEAVEN, THERE CAN BE NO FORGIVENESS. "Thou shalt not steal" was said before the Lord's Prayer taught us to say "Forgive us, as we forgive others." And the Law was not destroyed, but fulfilled, by the Gospel.

This false religion of a lying parody on Christ's Gospel is what is proclaimed as the truth. This false divinity is what many mean by "God." If that is the God you mean, of course we are against him. Please understand that the word composed by the three letters—G-O-D is nothing but a convenient sound. God's essence and divinity are not involved therein. Men have called him by many names; El-Elohim, El-Shaddai, Jah, Yahweh, Jehovah, Theos, Deus, Gott, Dios, Dieu. None of these words is anything but a counter to indicate a certain idea. The word may be stolen and attributed to a hideous idol—in that case we are bound either to get a new name or to destroy the idol.

The name of God, the God of Jesus, has been stolen and applied to a conception unworthy of reverence. And we, as Christians, as truth-seekers, as honest men, have no hesitancy whatever in saying that we are not bewitched and hypnotized by the sight of the three letters G O D, nor by the sound they make. If what you mean by them is the capitalist divinity that sanctifies deceit, hypocrisy, theft, WE ARE AGAINST HIM, AND WILL BE TO THE DEATH.

We fight for the truth; we fight against falsehood. What such men as Rockefeller, Havemeyer, and their preachers and defenders mean by God is a falsehood, and we are against that monstrous Lie.

If that be Atheism, well and good; all the Prophets and Apostles, then, were Atheists.

If that be Blasphemy, make the most of it. For we number Jesus foremost among our ranks.—IRWIN TUCKER.

TAFT SHOWS HIS COLORS

Ex-President William H. Taft in the Saturday Evening Post argues that women ought not to vote, because they would pass widowed-mothers' pension laws; and this would be wrong, because to tax the prosperous and the thrifty for the "unfortunate, the thriftless and the idle" is "millennial legislation." Is a widowed mother idle? or thriftless? or merely unfortunate? And why is it wrong to protect a widow and her children from starvation?

"Millennial Legislation" means such laws as would be passed if Christ ruled upon earth. Such laws, says Taft, are wrong. A bolder, more brazen declaration of the un-Christianity of our present laws could not be made.

A PARABLE INTERPRETED

John D. Rockefeller told his pastor at Cleveland that he was the original of the Prodigal Son. The rest of the world, it seems, is the Fatted Calf.

THERE'S A REASON

Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, wife of a leading Chicago butcher, was robbed of $20,000 worth of platinum and diamonds, and the newspapers threw violent fits. J. Ogden Armour's employes in the Stockyards have been robbed of as many million dollars worth of life, liberty and happiness, but the newspapers have so far thrown no fits about that.

DUMBA'S DISCOVERY

Ambassador Dumba suddenly discovered that his Austrian countrymen were badly treated in American steel mills, and benevolenty engineered a general strike to help them obtain better conditions. All these years they've been suffering these torments, and it never occurred to him to inquire about it. Yet perhaps a good share of the indignation against Dr. Dumba vented by patriots is due to his exposure—even at this late date—of the sufferings of the steel mill workers.

Another thing—Why are there so many Austrian citizens working in the mills, when millions of American citizens are out of employment?

LABOR BEHIND THE TEACHERS

American labor has lined up solidly behind the Chicago Teachers' Federation in its struggle with the Board of Education over the looting of the school finances. Part of the cause of the fight is the plan to make scab factories of the public schools by dividing the children into two classes, one for the children of the well-to-do, the other for the children of the wage-workers; and to teach the working-class children the skilled trades of their fathers, so as to make them available for strike-breaking and scabbing. If successful in Chicago, the plan will be widely introduced elsewhere.

BUT WILL THEY? NO!

"Defectives must not breed," says Mrs. E. H. Harriman's Eugenics Board; and they want to sterilize some 100,000 persons a year to prevent them from begetting. We would consent, provided they begin with the Forty-four Families who rule American industry.

HILLIS CONFESSES

Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of the Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, who is severely scored by the U. S. Industrial Commission report, made a public confession on Sunday, September 19, in which he said that his ambition for wealth had led him practically to "sell his soul." He was ashamed to tell how much he had made by his lectures and writing, "in view of the low wages paid to workers." All honor to him for the courage of his confession. May he live up to it!

THE MONARCH IS KIND

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has condescended to visit the mines in Colorado, in the character of a gracious monarch visiting his outlying territory. Accounts of his visit differ in no respect from medieval accounts of a king's tour of his subject provinces; and the press, like the heralds of old, calls on us to fall down and humble ourselves at beholding his god-like compassion on the miners whose toil he exploits.

THE NATION IS IN DANGER

A horrible truth is forced upon us by the Report of the U. S. Industrial Commission. It is that our nation, and all that it stands for, is all but swept away. What the Declaration of Independence proclaimed, what Lincoln strove for and upheld, is all but gone.

No words of ours could make more powerful the stern warning given by the high Governmental body which has spoken. But deeds of ours are imperatively needed to avert that threatened danger. There is but one effective means—to spread the knowledge they have given us until every American knows the peril our land is in.

ANNIVERSARY NOTICE.

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Precipitation of World-War

By Edward Ellis Carr, Ph. D.

The losses of Europe in the war up to May 31, as compiled by the French ministry of war, are as follows:

	Killed	Wounded	Prisoners
France	460,000	660,000	180,000
England	181,000	200,000	90,000
Belgium	49,000	49,000	15,000
Russia	1,250,000	1,680,000	850,000
Germany	1,630,000	1,880,000	490,000
Austria	1,610,000	1,865,000	910,000
Turkey	110,000	144,000	95,000
Totals	5,290,000	6,478,000	2,630,000

Grand total, 14,398,000.

No finite mind is able to grasp the full horror encompassed by these awful figures. Five and a quarter millions of men mangled by violent death—a number approximately equal to all the men, women and children in the great state of Illinois, including the vast city of Chicago! Six and a half million more men wounded, multitudes disabled for life—a number almost equal to the total population of the magnificent state of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The killed and crippled of this war, not counting the prisoners at all, number more than the combined population of all New England—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut—with the combined population of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia thrown in; and this territory contains Boston, Baltimore, Newark and other great cities. Imagine these ten highly civilized and populous states with the farm crops trampled down, the buildings burned or shot to ruins, and every man, woman and child lying dead or wounded on the bloody ground! Such has been the work of the first frightful year of world war. Our Western readers may realize the horror more fully when they consider that the number of killed and wounded so far approximates the combined population of the six great, populous states of Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Arkansas, including St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul and other large towns—a glorious empire murdered and devastated in a single year!

Millions of wives left widows, whose broken hearts have no hope of healing; tens of millions of children left orphans, hundreds of towns destroyed, and millions of non-combatants made homeless and destitute, hundreds of thousands of square miles of beautiful, productive country devastated, and, on the whole, tens of millions of people impoverished and rendered miserable and hopeless. The first year of this frightful war has caused more loss of life and more destruction of property than mankind has suffered from war in any hundred years of history. And every thoughtful human being with a heart less cruel than a tiger's is inwardly groaning and weeping over this world-horror and wishing that it might end soon and its like never occur again while the world endures. But, alas, weeping, wishing, and talking "peace" will not end this terrible titanic struggle.

CAUSES OF WORLD WAR

Nearly all thoughtful people agree that the personal and "patriotic" ambition of princes and the greed of money seekers lie back of this vast and awful conflict, and the Socialists everywhere declare that the "profit-system," the struggle for world markets, caused the war. These statements are mainly correct; but they are generalizations too wide, too superficial, and too incomplete to satisfy deep-delving, analytical minds. It is true that princely ambition and commercial greed are two of the most relentless and powerful manifestations of mammonism; but we must realize that there is now a world-wide struggle between three mighty powers for the control of earth and all mankind; viz: Political Imperialism, or "the Divine Right of Kings"; Democracy, both Political and Industrial, and Capitalism, or the Money Power represented by modern business. The struggle between these three giants is reaching a world-crisis and causing all thoughtful people to tremble. Yet the sun of hope beams brightly here and there even now through the black storm clouds.

Relentless Ambition

I. Emperor William of Germany personifies the spirit of political imperialism as does no other ruler now living. "The War Lord of Europe" not only has faith in the "mailed fist," but firmly beieves that he is destined to use it victoriously. Never has the "divine right of kings" been more frankly, sincerely, brutally declared than by him. "Me and God" is the language of his soul, as his utterances and conduct since becoming Emperor fully prove. And during all that time he has been accumulating cannon, ammunition and information concerning the fortresses and military resources of neighboring nations, and perfecting plans for "the Day" when German legions blindly obedient to his will should march and devastate and kill their way to conquest of European powers to such an extent as would make him and his successors supreme dictators of the military and commercial affairs of the world. And never did king or general more ably, patiently, persistently, effectively plan and execute. The German army is the most stupenduous, best equipped, loyal and efficient fighting machine the world ever beheld. The Kaiser and his councillors were fully ready for "the Day"—*and no other government was.*

German peace talk and international peace conferences partly supported by the German government and largely attended by German statesmen had lulled England and other nations to such drowsiness that their eyes were blinded to *the sure meaning of the vast, increasing armaments and armies of the Kaiser.* The towering imperialism of German government, provided with sufficient fighting equipment, was certain to break like a cyclone over Europe on a career of conquest which only multitudes of high power, long-range guns, fleetloads of ammunition and myriads of trained soldiers could withstand. There can be no other successful answer to imperialistic thunder and lightning.

But the surrounding nations were not prepared, and the present status of the war seems to indicate German victory. However, Napoleon also believed that "God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions"—yet Napoleon was overthrown, banished, and died an exiled prisoner, and France became one of the greatest and freest republics on earth, in spite of his measureless imperialistic ambitions, his unprecedent military genius, world-staggering victories, and mighty power.

To Beat Back Democracy

II. It would be unjust to Emperor William, however, to leave the impression that his ambition is merely personal and selfish, that he would willingly deluge Europe with blood and cause world-wide anguish just to satisfy his own lust for power. No. *He represents the age-old spirit of imperialism in which he firmly believes.* He personifies, *incarnates* this spirit which bravely, recklessly, bitterly battles against the newer spirit of democracy that has been rapidly winning Europe. And around him cluster a host of strong princes and statesmen in Germany and Austria who, naturally in their situation, earnestly believe with him that democracy is a deadly peril to "kultur," "efficiency," and the truest progress of the world. They do not believe that "the voice of the people is the voice of God"; they honestly believe that God speaks through them and their class, and that the world will not be guided right unless their hands hold the reins.

Meanwhile Switzerland, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, the Scandinavian countries and even Spain and Russia were rapidly becoming more democratic. Even the people of Turkey, the last and most benighted of the old line governments, had obtained a semblance of popular rule, while the English people throughout Great Britain and her colonies were freer than the citizens of most republics, and their king was but a political figure head, whose name appeared in society gossip rather than in connection with the affairs of state. The Teuton princes looked with horror and hate upon the growth of political democracy in Europe, which would banish them from the throne or reduce them to worse figure heads.

And even worse yet, from the viewpoint of imperialism, democracy of late had begun to assume an *industrial* form most ugly and hateful to aristocrats and princes. The working classes show world-wide discontent; they declare they are tired of being deluded slaves whose labor creates the wealth of the world while they suffer want. They speak and sing and march and vote for *industrial democracy*—for Socialism—and this new and (to the imperialists) monstrous host of emancipation had even invaded Germany more largely than any other country, and Austria next, having nearly a third of the votes in each country, with 111 members of the Reichstag of one and 89 in the Reichdag of the other. With political democracy rising like a tide around her and industrial democracy shaking her throne from within, clearly, *if anything ever was to be done to beat back this world-tide and save Germany from the common people for the princes it must be done soon,* or all Europe, including German imperialism, would be submerged.

Against Capitalist Rule

III. Another mighty cause of the present war, which has not yet to my knowledge been postulated, was the struggle of German imperialism against modern capitalism. *German princes have never surrendered to the money lords as other princes have, and evidently do not intend to do so.* They defend their "divine rights" against democracy on the one hand and capitalism on the other; and there is more meaning in their word "kultur" than most writers seem to have grasped. Their far-famed and much-boasted "efficiency" is really the result of a rigidly controlled "state socialism," which is the illegitimate child of socialistic method and the spirit of absolute imperialism.

The house of Hohenzollern was wide awake to its own interests and the cause of political imperialism against capitalism long ago. In the days of Bismarck, when the father of the present Kaiser was on the throne, the royal family became alarmed at the growth of the *money power.* They saw the millionaires of America, especially the railroad magnates like J. Gould and the Vanderbilts, getting control of the United States government by means of gold. The Hohenzollerns feared and hated *capitalistic imperialism* as much as they did political and industral democracy, for both equally menaced their power, and they determined to fight both. Therefore, after having sent special agents to study the development of capitalistic power in both England and America, the German government, realizing that railroad magnates at that time, more than any other capitalists, threatened the power of kings, put forth strong, persistent efforts to secure government ownership and control of the railroads. This was accomplished under minister Von Maybach, and for many years the railways of Germany have been owned and run by the government, for the government. *And German government means the German princes.* It is true that the German people have greatly benefited by the change from private italistic ownership of railroads over to imperialistic government ownership; but the princes profited most by the additional power this method gave them. The same worldly-wise spirit guided the government in its efforts to obtain better houses for the workers, old age and accident insurance and other "socialistic reforms." *The peolple were economically benefited and the power and efficiency of the government was greatly increased.* The apparent devotion of the imperial government to social reforms which truly benefited the people—partly forced upon the government by the growth of the German Socialist Party, as Bismarck frankly admitted—resulted in the unprecedented loyalty of the German people to their government, whether of socialistic or capitalistic mind, as their united conduct in the present war against the world proves. As a result of this venture toward state socialism by the government of Germany, the German working people have relatively *better industrial conditions* and *less civil liberty* than other citizens of Western Europe. *If the British government had been more careful to protect her working people from the extreme cruelties of capitalism, as Germany did hers, the people of England would now be more ready to protect the government.*

The royal German government has fathered internal reforms, internal industrial and business development and foreign commerce more largely and effectively than any other government on earth. She has sought with consummate skill and daring to advance German interests at home and abroad, *yet hold the reins of power in her own hands.* While the government of England and other countries have been subservient tools of capitalistic business, the German government has dominated business and controlled it largely in the interests of her working people and business men, but chiefly in the interests of German imperialism. *It is this fact probably that has caused the bankers of the world to be so slow in financing the German war.* She has had to depend chiefly upon her own resources of imperial power and German patriotism. It is reported that the Russian capitalists are bitterly opposed to Russia making independent peace with Germany, while the more conservative Russian aristocracy of blood favors a separate peace, sympathizing with German imperialism. *And it is likely that this antagonism of the German government toward untrammeled corporate commercialism will finally work her overthrow in this world-war.* It is a battle royal between the old political imperialism, the power of kings, and the new imperialism, the power of money; and, if we read history and economic forces correctly, the old is destined to fall before the new. And let us hope that since two giant robbers have taken up arms against each other it will hasten the time when honest working people will get their just dues.

WHY THE WAR STARTED WHEN IT DID

If the above premises are even approximately correct, it is easy to understand why the war started when it did. The houses of Hohenzollern in Germany and of Hapsburg in Austria recognized a kinship deeper than a race, a kinship of imperialistic faith and interest. They had become closely associated in common defense against Russia, England and France; against the growth of political democracy in Europe; against the spread of Socialism within their borders, and against the domination of their royal governments by the new world power of Capitalism. All these gigantic forces to which they are unitedly opposed were rapidly growing. If ever political imperialism was to make a stand for its existence and continued power against these stupenduous newer forces, the contest could not be much longer delayed. And their race kinship and immeasurable, and not to be despised, race egotism—conviction of their superior qualification for world leadership and world mastery—led them on toward the vast enterprise.

Meanwhile the unequaled armies and armaments of these Teutonic Governments, especially of Germany, and their long specialization in military science and the spirit of conquest, had prepared them for the "grand coup." *They were ready for the long looked for test of strength, and the other nations were not.* If they waited much longer, democratic forces, especially Socialism, would be strong enough to prevent the war and thus nullify their long, careful, and expensive preparations. *To parley extensively with the other nations over matters of dispute, thus trying to justify in advance their cause of war, would give rival nations time to prepare for the conflict and would also give the Socialists and radicals at home a chance to make nation-wide demonstrations in behalf of peace,* as they did when the German government, knowing herself to be the stronger, sought war with France over the Morocco question a few years ago. The only chance of success without a long and ruinous war lay in springing suddenly, like a tiger out of the dark, upon their unsuspecting foes and forcing the issue before either France on the one hand or Russia on the other was ready, and before the socialistic forces within could organize their opposition to the war plans of the royal governments. Therefore the great war struck the world as suddenly and terribly as a bolt of lightning from a clear sky, or as an awful earthquake in the night. *And neither diplomacy without nor Socialist demonstrations from within had a chance to hinder the imperialistic outbreak.*

On the day that war was declared by Germany, says Graham Taylor in the September Survey—he having been in Germany at the time—a government censorship black as midnight fell upon the German people. They were told—and many believe to this day—that the armies of both France and Russia had already invaded German territory before war was declared. And no socialist or other anti-war meetings or demonstrations were allowed. But the world now knows that so far from Russia having invaded Germany, Russia did not even have her army mobilized and could not place an army in the field for several weeks after Germany had begun war on the western front; that France was so unprepared for war that had it not been for the supreme sacrifice of the Belgians and later the sacrifice of a large half-equipped Russian army in East Prussia, the sudden, stupenduous and terrible German drive against Paris undoubtedly would have succeeded; and that England so far from having precipitated the war, is not ready for it yet!

The German people are not to blame more than the people of Russia, France, or Belgium. *They were deceived.* But the German imperial government, blinded by ambition and a false, outworn faith in political world-power, has precipitated a monstrous war that dwarfs all former military strife, seems likely to last for years, and will cause profound and widespread changes on earth whichever side wins.

THE REAL ISSUE

Some extreme pacifists, even some Socialists, have said: "It does not make ten cents worth of difference to the common people of France or England whether they are ruled by their own present governments or by the Germans." Nothing could be much farther from the truth.

During the International Socialist Congress at Stuttgart, Germany, in the great committee on militarism, I saw August Bebel plead with tears streaming down his cheeks against the adoption of the resolution urging all socialists and labor men to "resist war, even by general strike and insurrection," although he and every other delegate hated war and would have gladly died to prevent it; because he said, the mere passing of such a resolution would cause the immediate banishment of the Congress from German territory, the persecution and imprisonment of multitudes of German socialists and the set-back of the German Socialist Party for years. (Comrade Quelch, editor of London Justice, was banished from that Congress and from German soil by the German government for merely criticising The Hague Peace Conference!) And, continuing to plead, Bebel said, with choking voice, that the French and English comrades could not possibly understand the numberless tyrannical restrictions suffered by the German people from their government, and that if Germans had the freedom the French and English have, the German socialists could and would proceed in a manner quite different from what they did.

The real question of the present war is, *Shall the political, industrial and commercial development of Europe and the world proceed naturally in the direction it has for the past few centuries toward democracy, or shall political imperialism settle like a vulture over Europe and fasten its talons more deeply in the flesh and spirit of the common people?* The master classes of the world may desire imperialism, but not the common people!

If German imperialism wins this war, Russia, Japan, England and the United States must become far stronger military imperialisms than they are now in order to withstand her. One cannot save his family in the jungle by talking "peace" to a hungry tiger—he needs a powerful gun; and if the awful beast of imperialism now rampant in Europe, which has ruthlessly sacrificed millions of its own and other peoples, wins this war, it will take many guns and decades of war to bring the world back to the promises of democracy that everywhere appeared before this frightful world war blighted them so terribly.

On the other hand, if the mighty imperialist drive of the Teuton governments fails; if their armies are beaten back to their own borders and they are forced to sue for peace; if they have nothing at the end to show to their people as a result of this unspeakable carnage and devastation but millions of dead and crippled soldiers, millions of widows and orphans, millions of impoverished homes, and billions of dollars of debt, who can doubt that the men that are left, inspired especially and helped by the long suffering women, will arise and sweep imperialism from Germany and Austria and establish a republic, if not a social democracy, in its place? And who can doubt that, in such an event, the peoples of England, France, Italy, and Belgium, at least, exhausted financially and bled, bereaved, and horrified by the dreadful war, will follow the lead of the German peoples and seize greater liberties than they have ever known? Then who can doubt that a great International League of Peace, a World Government to police the earth and prevent war by force of international armies and navies controlled by the officials of the International League, would be formed strong enough to prevent Russia, Japan, or any other country from daring to attack another nation? *Only so can it be made possible for this war to be the last great war. If imperialism wins this war in Europe, it will be but the first of a series of world wars necessary before mankind can be free.* The American government may remain neutral in fact, but those who hold real American ideals cannot possibly be neutral in sentiment. Every lover of liberty prays somehow for the utter defeat of imperialism.

And in the face of such a world conflagration as we now see, how utterly useless it is to cry "Peace, peace." The fiery storm is caused by mighty forces natural to social evolution, and must run its course. May its ending be such as will make it the last evil of its kind that earth will have to bear; and out of the soil fertilized by its blood and watered by its tears may the beautiful flowers and sweet fruits of co-operation and peace forever grow and bloom and ripen unhindered by inhuman ambition, greed, and false ideals of power.

Through grief-blurred eyes our sorrowing souls yet see the certain triumph of equality, fraternity, and liberty, world-wide. The "Beast" rules and ravages the present; but the future belongs to Man.

"Charity" A Mask for Greed

U. S. Industrial Commission Unveils Hypocrisy of Great "Foundations"

Commissioners Walsh, Lennon and O'Connell signed the following terrific blast at the Rockefeller Foundation:

"The money with which the Rockefeller foundation was created and is maintained consists of the wages of workers in American industries. These wages were withheld by means of economic pressure, violation of law, cunning and violence, practiced over a series of years by the founder and certain of his business associates."

They recommend that its charter be dissolved and that the nation take over the money put into it, and use these funds for works of public welfare.

The report says:

The domination by the men in whose hands the final control of a large part of American industry rests is not limited to their employees, but is being rapidly extended to control the education and "social service" of the Nation.

This control is being extended largely through the creation of enormous privately managed funds for indefinite purposes, hereinafter designated "foundations," by the endowment of colleges and universities, by the creation of funds for the pensioning of teachers, by contributions to private charities, as well as through controlling or influencing the public press.

MENACE OF FOUNDATIONS

Two groups of the "foundations," namely, the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, together have funds amounting to at least $250,000,000, yielding an annual revenue of at least $13,500,000, which is at least twice as great as the appropriations of the Federal Government for similar purposes, namely, education and social service.

The funds of these foundations are exempt from taxation, yet during the lives of the founders are subject to their dictation for any purpose other than commercial profit. In the case of the Rockefeller group of foundations, the absolute control of the funds and of the activities of the institutions now and in perpetuity rests with Mr. Rockefeller, his son, and whomsoever they may appoint as their successors.

This is hereditary monarchy of the most absolute type!

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

The control of these funds has been widely published as being in the hands of eminent educators and public-spirited citizens. In the case of the Rockefeller foundations, however, not only is the control in the hands of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and two of the members of the personal staff of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., who constitute the finance committee, but the majority of the trustees of the funds are salaried employees of Mr. Rockefeller or the foundations, who are subject to personal dictation and may be removed at any moment.

The funds of these foundations are largely invested in securities of corporations dominant in American industry, whose position has been analyzed under the early headings of this section. The policies of these foundations must inevitably be colored, **if not controlled, to conform to the policies of such corporations.**

The funds of the foundations represent largely the results either or the exploitation of American workers through the payment of low wages or the exploitation of the American public through the exaction of high prices. The funds, therefore, by every right, belong to the American people.

The powers of these foundations are practically unlimited, except that they may not directly engage in business for profit. In the words of President Schurman of Cornell, himself a trustee of the Carnegie Foundation:

The charters of these foundations, with their almost unlimited powers, were granted under conditions of such laxity that it has been testified by an eminent legal authority who made an extensive investigation that those granted by New York State are legally defective and unconstitutional. Furthermore, evidence developed by the hearings of the Commission showed that in increasing the number of its trustees without complying with the requirements of the law governing corporations, the Rockefeller Foundation has already been guilty of a breach of the law.

These foundations are subject to no public control, and their powers can be curbed only by the difficult process of amending or revoking their charters. Past experience, as, for example; in the case of the insurance companies, indicates that the public can be aroused only when the abuses have become so great as to constitute a scandal.

The entrance of the foundations into the field of industrial relations, through the creation of a special division by the Rockefeller Foundation, constitutes a **MENACE TO THE NATIONAL WELFARE** to which the attention not only of Congress but of the entire country should be directed. Backed by the $100,000,000 of the Rockefeller Foundation, this movement has the power to influence the entire country in the determination of its most vital policy.

BASIS NOT SOCIAL

The documentary evidence in the possession of the Commission indicates:

a. That the so-called "investigation of industrial relations" has not, as is claimed, either a scientific or a social basis, but originated to promote the industrial interests of Mr. Rockefeller. The original letter inviting Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King to associate himself with the Rockefellers stated that Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Greene in "their purely corporate capacity as owners and directors of large industries" desired his aid.

b. That the investigation forms part of what Mr. Rockefeller, in a letter to Mr. Ivy L. Lee (the press agent of the Colorado operators), called the "union educational campaign," which is referred to by Mr. Bowers as "the fight for the open shop," the results of which are clearly manifested in the conditions existing in the camps of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, conducted on the "open shop" principle.

SCATTERED LIES OVER LAND

c. That Mr. Rockefeller planned to utilize in this campaign literature containing statements which were known to him at the time to be untrue and misleading (as for example the **numerous misstatements** in the "Sermon to Young Men" of **Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis**, including the statement that the Colorado operators offered to recognize the miners' union), and also literature containing statements which constituted a **malicious libel** upon a large body of American citizens—for example, the following statement of Prof. John J. Stevenson: "Labor unions defy the law, but are ever ready to demand its protection; their principles are no better than those of the India Thugs, who practiced robbery and murder in the name of the goddess Cali."

d. That the investigation of industrial relations is not being made in good faith, inasmuch as its director states that he will not now nor hereafter make public his findings regarding a most important part of his investigation, namely, the investigation in Colorado.

The purpose of Mr. Rockefeller to influence the public press is clearly shown by the empoyment of an experienced publicity expert as a member of his personal staff, and is indicated by his evident interest in the ownership or control of a number of publications, of which we have records dating from the inquiry of his secretary regarding the Pueblo Star Journal in May, 1913, to the extensive conferences regarding a loan of $125,000 to finance The Nation's Business, the organ of the National Chamber of Commerce, which was established and given a semi-official status through the instrumentalities of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor with the sanction of a former president of the United States.

EXTENT OF INFLUENCE

The extent of the possible influence of these foundations and private endowments of institutions for education and public service is shown by a large amount of evidence in the possession of the Commission. The following examples may be cited:

a. The adoption of a definite line of policy by the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York to meet the conditions imposed by Mr. Rockefeller in connection with proposed contributions.

b. The abandonment by several colleges and universities of sectarian affiliations and charter clauses relating to religion in order to secure endowments from the Carnegie Corporation and pensions for professors from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. **It would seem conclusive that if an institution will willingly abandon its religious affiliations** through the influence of these foundations, **it will even more easily conform to their will any other part of its organization or teaching.**

ORGANIZATION REQUIRED

The evidence of this character, which is summarized elsewhere, seems to be conclusive of the necessity for organization and representation under modern business conditions. But even if it were not necessary it is difficult to see any reason why what is demanded and required by stockholders should be denied to workers. It would be as illogical for stockholders individually to attempt to deal with the representatives of the unions, as it is for the individual worker to attempt to deal with executive officials, representing the organized stockholders.

WHO'S GOT YOURS?

Our Census Bureau informs us that every American now owns per capita six times as much as he did in 1850. At that time the average of per capita wealth was $308. Now it is $1,965. The largest per capita average is in Nevada, where it is $4,861. In comparative wealth among the nations we stand first, with eighty million dollars more than Great Britain, our next competitor.

Who's got your $1,965? Have you? Why not?

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THE BAPTISM OF BLOOD

Beside the river Nile there was great mourning among the Hebrew tribes; for from the Pharaoh had gone forth an order that all the boy babies should be slain, lest the tribes become too numerous, and overthrow Egypt. Yet one of those babies so condemned to death became Moses, the deliverer and the lawgiver; and a new religion which was to transform a race of nomad tribes into the Chosen Nation was born.

In the city of Bethlehem there was mourning and weeping; for an order went forth from the King that all the boy babies two years old and under should be slain by the sword, lest one of them become the King of the Jews who should overthrow Herod. Yet one of those babies so condemned to death escaped, and became Jesus, the Saviour of the world; and a new order which was to transform the world into the likeness of the kingdom of God was born.

In the lands of Europe there is great mourning and weeping; for an order has gone forth from all its kings that the best and the bravest shall go forth to slay and to be slain. They have died by millions, and the end is not yet, and the mothers and the widows and the sisters and the orphans mourn with a great sorrow.

Yet now it is evident that this is the baptism of blood of the new order. Already the nations have done what was declared impossible, and private production for profit, mother of misery, is being abolished by national production for use. Already it is certain that after this war things will not be as they have been. It is for us to see that the vision of the New Humanity, the redeemer of the race, shall be preserved through the fierce rage of the monarchs.

Judaism was born amid the blood of babes; Christianity came to life through a slaughter of the innocents; it seems now that the Kingdom of God is to come to pass through the Great War. Be not faint-hearted, brothers.

SNAKE-BITE

An Arizona Comrade writes: "While laying up nursing a snake-bite I read your May number and it inspired me, so I send you in a club of four." Many a soul has that May number inspired, but this is the first time, so far as we know, that it helped to cure snake-bite.

There is a text concealed here. The Hebrew word for "interest" is the same word as that for "snake." Usury, interest, is the bite of a serpent, from which the nation of the poor suffers grievously. USE THE **CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST** TO CURE THAT SNAKE-BITE. IT WORKS!

Weekly Christian Socialist

Both Weekly and Monthly Editions to be Published after January 1, 1916.

Explanation of Plan and Special Offer for Advance Subscriptions.

From the many letters received and from their own observation and experience of the Socialist movement the editors and managers of the **Christian Socialist** realize the need of a weekly paper voicing the moral and religious, as well as the purely economic message of Socialism, and serving as a medium of information concerning the Socialist movement, especially the religious Socialist movement, in all its phases. Therefore we have decided to start a weekly January next, which will contain propaganda articles, general news notes, reports from the various forms of religious-socialist activity, with as many good stories and poems as space will permit. Able Socialist propaganda comments upon the current Sunday School lessons will be a helpful feature of the new paper. The editors will be Edward Ellis Carr and Irwin St. John Tucker, with special editors for particular departments; and, without rashly promising too much, it is fair to say that the new weekly paper will be well worth the price, $1.00 per year.

Monthly to be Continued

The weekly edition will not interfere with the present monthly publication, except to make it richer and stronger on account of certain of the best propanganda articles in the weekly being reprinted in the monthly. Neither edition will contain all that the other does, but they will strongly supplement each other. The monthly will be a propaganda special par excellence. It will be the one most needed for propanganda bundle orders and for gift subscriptions to preachers, teachers and other special classes. And the price of the monthly will remain the same, 25c per year and 1c per copy in bundles.

Both Editions for One Price

The weekly edition will contain the **department work** and **general reports**, besides many propaganda articles, stories, poems, etc., that space will not permit in the monthly.

Therefore multitudes of our readers will want both the weekly and the monthly editions. To prove this to you who are most wide awake, earnest and up-to-date we will furnish both the monthly and the weekly editions for $1.00, PROVIDED YOU ORDER IN ADVANCE OF JAN. 1. And the best way is to order now.

If your subscription to the monthly is now paid in advance we will extend it a year from date of expiration now printed on your label, and will begin the weekly Jan. 1.

If you send new subscriptions to both weekly and monthly on this plan, the monthly will begin at once and the weekly in January. If you do not wish your subscription to the monthly extended, you may have either a paper bound copy of Vail's Militant and Triumphant Socialism or a cloth bound copy of Moyer's Songs of Socialism with your advance subscription to the weekly.

We Trust You

The principal asset upon which we bank is the love and loyalty of our readers toward the cause of Socialism and religion. It is one cause, for religion can not succeed without Socialism, nor can Socialism succeed without religion. You who are convinced of this will help us make the new plans for the **Christian Socialist** a success without much urging.

If you do not count yourself a religious person, but nevertheless desire to win the religious people to socialism, help spread the **Christian Socialist**. It is your best chance to win recruits for Socialism.

The campaign of 1916 is rapidly approaching and the **Christian Socialist** will prove of vast benefit to the cause during the coming crucial year. The success of the Socialist party for 1916 is now at stake. If it moves grandly and nobly forward next year its future will be glorious; if it falters and fails then it may have to give way to some other party. The **Christian Socialist** has always fought loyally for the **Socialist Party** and desires to help it truly succeed. The weekly edition will enable us to do that, while the monthly will doubtless extend our occasional special messages more widely than ever among those who are not yet Socialists.

Moreover, the religious, moral and economic sentiment of the nation is coming our way; and the **Christian Socialist**, more than any other paper, is an effective means of leading the awakening thousands into the Socialist camp. The message of religion and Socialism combined wins the people as nothing else does. Let us spread it more and more.

What You Can Do

Therefore, by your love for the cause of Socialism, and by your love for religion (if you separate them even in thought), we appeal to you to help make the year 1916 memorable for the cause by helping spread the **Christian Socialist** among the people. Subscribe for the **Weekly Christian Socialist** now, by return mail, at $1.00, and receive **both** the **weekly** and the **monthly** for a year, or the weekly and one of the premium books named above.

Make your immediate advance subscription for the weekly help boom the weekly plan this month. Give us a good start. Do not delay. Promptness is worth much to a new campaign.

OUR BADGES OF HONOR

A subscriber from Washington writes:

"The Christian Socialist button which you sent me seems to make quite a hit with people that otherwise had a horror of the word "Socialist." Please let me know if I can buy some buttons, and give me the price. I think it would help advertise the paper."

We have adopted a rule that these buttons are to be given only as badges of honor. Those who send in four subscriptions in a club receive the button as a recognition on our part of their loyal support, and all such friends are asked to wear them. But we cannot sell them. If you do, this destroys the meaning of the badge of honor, as some will wear them who have not worked for them.

Such requests have been coming in more and more frequently of late. To all we give the same reply: "Our badge of honor is not for sale." We are glad the comrades want to buy them; but hard work for the cause of Christian Socialism is the only thing that will win these buttons.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION REPORTS

All the published reports of the United States Industrial Commission have been exhausted. It is now impossible to secure them anywhere, or for any price, and will be so until Congress orders them published in sufficient quantity to supply the vast demand. Many hundreds of **Christian Socialist** readers have been disappointed in obtaining copies. We will publish, in each issue until January, sections of that report. If you have any friends whom you especially desire to read the report, send them a short-term subscription FIVE MONTHS FOR TEN CENTS. This includes the September issue, containing the summary of the whole.

A bundle of Copies of the September issue should be secured by every reader to give away from time to time. Order today. $1 per hundred.

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A MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE

The Texas Christian Advocate, published at Dallas, is coming out boldly for the social revolution. In its issue of September 2 it devotes most of its two first pages to quotations from Prof. Rauschenbusch's "Christianizing the Social Order," a Christian Socialist book. When papers of the circulation and influence of this periodical, representing all the Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, take up the cause, who can measure the strength it brings to the banner of righteousness?

JESUS AS A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE

Even if granted, for the sake of argument, that Jesus is a pure myth, that he never really existed at all, it must still be conceded, I think, that he is today, beyond question, the greatest moral and spiritual force in the world, a force essentially and uncompromisingly revolutionary and making unceasingly and increasingly in spite of all attempts to divert and corrupt it—for the kinship of races, the democracy of nations, and the brotherhood of men.—Eugene V. Debs.

WANT WALSH REPORT PUBLISHED

Resolution passed by the Universalist General Convention, in regular session, Pasadena, Calif., July 10th, 1915.

"Whereas, The Industrial Conditions of this country are the cause of many of the problems of modern Christianity which confront our ministers and people, and

Whereas, An accurate knowledge of these conditions is needed if these problems are to be solved and our social order Christianized, and

Whereas, The United States Commission on Industrial Relations has for some time been working at the task of studying these conditions, be it

Resolved, That the Government of the United States is hereby requested to provide for the full publication of the report of this commission, and for the wide distribution of the same at the earliest possible moment, and

Resolved, That the secretary of this convention give proper publication to this resolution."

This resolution by Rev. A. Elmo Robinson of Anderson, Ind., and Rev. L. R. Robinson of Chattanooga, Tenn.

C. S. F. NOTES

MRS. ROSE WILLIAMS, financial secretary of the Indianapolis Center, writes of an interesting meeting in which it was decided to hold a series of propaganda meetings beginning about October 1st. She sent money for C. S. F. dues stamps, and four subscriptions to the C. S.

COMRADE C. E. RUTTERBERG, Socialist party organizer at Cleveland, has been speaking on "Why I am a Socialist" and "Socialism and Christianity," before the large men's class of the Lakewood Christian Church. This is C. S. F. work, and we are glad for party speakers to have a part in it. They ought to try to get into the churches and Sunday Schools everywhere with the Socialist message.

REV. IRWIN ST. JOHN TUCKER spoke to a large audience at Masonic Temple, Chicago, August 22d, on the report of the U. S. Industrial Commission. Mr. Frank Walsh, chairman of the commission, had engaged to make the address, but telegraphed late in the week that he could not be present. The deep attention, frequent applause and enthusiastic comments after the speech indicated that the audience regarded Comrade Tucker's speech a masterly presentation of the case. All C. S. F. Centers and party branches, and all Socialist speakers, should make the best possible use of the mighty materials in the industrial report.

During last August, Com. Tucker has spoken as follows:

Sunday, August 1, Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Sunday, August 8, St. John's Church, Mobile, Ala., 7:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Rev. G. C. Tucker, rector of this church, is Com. Tucker's father, and was one of the first Christian Socialist ministers in the South. He has been rector of this church for 30 years.

Sunday, August 15, 11 a. m. St. John's Church, Mobile; 7:30, mass-meeting of Federation of Churches, in St. Francis Street Methodist Church.

Tuesday, August 17, mass-meeting at Fairhope, Ala. This is the single-tax colony, and much interest was shown in the little town. At each of these meetings a number of subscribers was received.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY spoke at Eaton, Ind., recently in the First Christian Church on Sunday morning and at the park in the afternoon. Considerable interest was aroused. The comrades greatly appreciated the message of Socialism from the Bible; many church people were deeply interested and moved by the social message, and some of the old mammon worshipping pharisees who deceive and bulldose the religious people were extremely angry, and behaved like savage pagans instead of like Christians toward their Socialist pastor and brothers. The great Beast has many snarling whelps in this world, even in the church; but their growling, howling and savage clawing, while hurting many, will prove futile. The kingdom of God will overthrow mammonism and its fierce "beasts" in spite of all opposition.

ARCHIBALD CRAIG, 48 Tonnele Ave., Jersey City, N. J., has been sending out circular letters to many Christian Socialists urging them to form a center of the C. S. F. at Jersey City. Progress has been made and we hope for a successful center there. Comrade Craig has also been distributing hundreds of copies of the Christian Socialist. Any one favorable to the formation of a Christian Socialist Fellowship in Jersey City, Newark, or other near-by city should personally get into touch with Comrade Craig.

PROF. I. C. BALDWIN, Jacksonville, Fla., has quit his post as teacher in the Y. M. C. A. in order to be freer to work for Socialism. He is president of the C. S. F. Center there, and was recently candidate for mayor on the Socialist ticket. He expects to start a Socialist preaching circuit among the surrounding towns, establishing C. S. F. Centers and preaching the real "Good News to the Poor," which Christ preached, both spiritual and economic. If any of our Southern readers can assist him in this great work, please write to or visit him.

PROF. J. G. EVERT, our special C. S. F. Secretary for German Americans, is having a spirited controversy in the columns of the "Lutheraner," the official organ of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri. Rev. L. Schulze, president of the Synod, criticised Comrade Evert's German pamphlet, "Christentum und Socialismus." This opened the way for the discussion of Socialism in the "Lutheraner" in which the editor also took part. Prof. Evert is quite able to hold his own, and it is a very good thing to have such a discussion presented to the readers of the "Lutheraner."

REV. JAMES L. SMILEY, of Annapolis, District Secretary for Maryland, engaged in a debate with State Senator Wm. J. Ogden, of Baltimore, at Sherwood Forest, a summer camp near Baltimore. Ogden represented the single tax position, while Smiley advocated socialism. Wm. F. Cochran, Louis Kaplan, Charles Ogle, Rev. Charles E. Perkins, Rev. C. L. Atwater and others took part in the discussion following the formal debate. Rev. Richard Hogue presided. The Annapolis Evening Capital furnished an excellent report of the affair.

Although a very busy church worker, Rev. Smiley never misses a chance to advocate Socialism. And he does it so clearly and good naturedly that, though he is frankly revolutionary and uncompromising, he has had no trouble in his parish work. We would recommend his kindly spirit, open, direct method and ceaseless activity to all Socialist workers, especially to all Socialist preachers and teachers. Keep sweet and do not condemn opponents too bitterly.

SOCIALIST PREACHERS AND SOCIALIST CHURCHES

Every once in a while we receive a letter from a prominent member of some church whose pulpit is or is about to become vacant, requesting us to recommend a Socialist preacher of that denomination. We would be glad to assist Socialist preachers to find pulpits where they would receive sympathetic support as Socialists, and glad to help hungry Socialist laymen to find a preacher who can really feed their minds and souls; therefore, if Socialist preachers who now or will soon need pulpits, and Socialist laymen who now or soon will need a preacher, will write us about this matter, we will be glad to introduce the one to the other. Thus we may be of great assistance during these transition times as a means of getting Socialist preachers and Socialist churches together.

Better stay in your own denomination and preach Socialism, brother preacher; and better stay in your own church and work for Socialism, brother layman. Let us help you.

Just now we need Baptist and Congregational preachers, and a Christian (Disciples) Church to satisfy Comrades in various parts of the country.

MARY PHAGAN SPEAKS

By Mary White Ovington, in The New Republic.

You care a lot about me, you men of Georgia, now
that I am dead.
You have spent thousands of dollars trying to learn
who mutilated my body.
You have filled the columns of your newspapers with
the story of my wrong,
You have broken into prison and murdered a man
that I might be avenged.
But why did you not care for me when I was alive?
I was a child but you shut me out of the daylight.
You held me within four walls watching a machine
that crashed through the air,
Endlessly watching a knife as it cut off a piece of
wood.
Noise fills the place—noise, dust and the smell of
oil.
I wish some of the thousands of dollars that you
spent on the trial might have kept me in school,
A real school the kind you build for the rich.
I worked through the hot days of August
When you were bossing the girls, or shooting birds,
Or lounging in door ways cursing the nigger;
And you never paid me enough to buy a pretty dress.
You sometimes spoke coarsely to me when I went to
and from my work;
Yes, you did, and I had to pretend that I liked it.
Why did you despise me living and yet love me so
now?

—The New Republic.

A HERO UNDAUNTED

In spite of the terrible conditions prevailing in France, Prof. Passy continues the publication of his Christian Socialist magazine "L'Espoir du Monde" (The hope of the World). He is sending out appeals for the "Liefra Home for War Orphans" maintained in southern France. War can not quench this doughty spirit.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPEN

Swiss and Italian Socialists opened a peace conference at Berne, Switzerland, on September 11. The International Bureau was not represented, but is making efforts to promote a larger gathering later.

BREAD SHRINKS

John B. Heydt, vice-president of the American Bakery Company, testified on the stand at St. Louis that since 1907 the size of the 5 cent loaf of bread has decreased from twenty ounces to twelve ounces. The price, you see, remained the same, but the loaf shrank. Wages did NOT go up at the same ratio.

RIGHTS VS. POWER

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn protested because the Paterson police interfered with her speaking. Chief of Police Bimson said, "You may have the right to speak, but we have the POWER to prevent you." Yet the workers of Paterson have the POWER to prevent Chief Bimson from using his power, by simply voting him out of office. So long as they let Bimson use his power, they have forsworn their own rights.

ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE

New York schools opened with 55,000 children on part time, 100,000 children on four hour a day time, and 40,000 for whom no provision has been made. The educational force is short by 1,000 men and women. This is the result of the "economical government" of the reform administration in the richest city in the world. Schools would be the first care of a Socialist administration.

EXPANDING HEALTH SERVICE

Milwaukee has opened a public diagnostic station in the Cass Street public school, where any one suspecting an illness can go and have it diagnosed. Treatment is not given, but consultation is free.

A LIE EXPOSED

Andrew Furuseth, the "Statesman of the Seas," exposes the falsity of the claim that American shipping is being driven from the seas by the Seamen's bill in an article in the San Francisco Bee. He shows that the "disappearance of the flag from the Pacific" is caused by the sale of vessels into the Atlantic carrying trade because of the very high prices for bottoms prevailing there due to the war.

WHAT COULD SHE SAY?

The mayor of Jacksonville, Fla., recently issued a permit to a Socialist speaker—a woman—allowing her to speak on the streets providing she is not to attack any religion, sect, church, or "condition of life." Wants her to recite Mother Goose, perhaps.